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Agricultural Summary: Conditions last week were generally ideal for fieldwork. Some isolated storms noted throughout the northeast and southeastern districts reportedly limited harvesting and planting opportunities. Despite cool, wet conditions, standing crops in certain areas reached maturity and grass growth was beginning to wane. Reporters indicated wheat drilling was underway throughout the eastern district. Statewide, farmers were allowed 6.1 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	32	52	7
Last Week	9	31	53	7
Last Year	28	46	26	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	32	50	1
Last Week	17	30	52	1
Last Year	38	46	16	0

Small Grains: The harvest of barley was 80 percent complete as of last week, up from 70 percent previously. Harvest activities for spring wheat ended with 59 percent complete last week, up 24 percentage points from a week ago. Winter wheat was 5 percent planted, behind 12 percent last year and 8 percent on average.

Row Crops: Development of corn was slightly behind average last week in the dent and maturity stages, estimated at 48 and 1 percent, respectively. Twenty-six percent of the corn crop intended for silage has been harvested, up from 6 percent previously. Dry beans were 20 percent cut, continuing behind last year and the average of 37 and 30 percent, respectively. Dry beans were 7 percent harvested, compared with 14 percent last year and the average of 8 percent. The harvest of onions gained 6 percentage points from the previous week ending on 14 percent complete. This is behind 19 percent last year and the average of 35 percent. Ten percent of potatoes inside the San Luis Valley were harvested as of last week, behind 16 percent last year and 14 percent on average. Harvest of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley

was 49 percent complete, up from 30 percent the week prior. Sorghum was 91 percent headed, up 7 percentage points from the previous week. Thirty-six percent of the crop was coloring, up from 32 percent previously. Maturity of sorghum was estimated at 14 percent complete, up from 10 percent a week ago. The harvest of sorghum has begun recently, with 1 percent complete thus far.

SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 7, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	5	23	53	18
Last Year	15	18	31	31	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	8	36	55	1
Last Year	13	12	34	37	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 64 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 48 percent was rated fair to good while 56 percent is fair to good on average. The third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were estimated at 63 and 6 percent complete, respectively. Alfalfa cuttings were slightly ahead of last year and the average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 7, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	26	38	9
Prev. Year - 2013	23	29	32	16	0
5-Year Avg.	22	18	29	27	4

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Last week's supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 7, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	63	59	61	60
4 th Cutting	6	1	2	4
Corn				
Dough	93	86	95	92
Dented	48	32	60	58
Mature	1	-	6	10
Corn Silage				
Harvested	26	6	35	27
Dry Beans				
Cut	20	3	37	30
Harvested	7	N/A	14	8
Onions				
Harvested	14	8	19	35
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	10	5	16	14
Outside SLV				
Harvested	49	30	49	45
Sorghum				
Headed	91	84	91	94
Turning Color	36	32	56	61
Mature	14	10	9	14
Harvested	1	-	-	1
Spring Barley				
Harvested	80	70	86	85
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	59	35	83	62
Winter Wheat				
Planted	5	1	12	8

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	10	24	46	17
Dry Beans	0	0	40	46	14
Livestock	0	1	19	66	14
Onions	0	1	14	66	19
Potatoes Inside SLV	6	12	27	45	10
Potatoes Outside SLV	0	1	18	74	7
Sorghum	3	15	49	32	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	17	55	24
Sunflowers	3	18	28	43	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.